

**BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

In the Matter of the Revocation	)	
	)	
or Suspension of the Educator	)	<b>ORDER OF SUSPENSION</b>
	)	<b>(BREACH OF CONTRACT)</b>
Certificate of Silvana Ingmire	)	
	)	
Certificate 213972	)	

**SUMMARY OF THE CASE**

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on February 8, 2006. On January 9, 2005, the Office of Educator Certification sent Silvana Ingmire a notice of her right to a due process hearing regarding the possible suspension of her South Carolina educator certificate by certified mail, return receipt requested, delivery restricted to addressee. Ms. Ingmire received the notice, as evidenced by the signed postal receipt. Ms. Ingmire did not request a hearing during the period specified by the notice letter. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to suspend Ms. Ingmire's certificate for one year.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

Ms. Ingmire holds a valid South Carolina educator certificate with less than one year of experience. Ms. Ingmire held a contract for the 2005-2006 school year with the Greenville County School District (District), and was assigned as an ESOL teacher at Lake Forest Elementary School. On September 12, 2005, Ms. Ingmire notified her principal that it would be her last day of employment with the District. On September 16, 2005, the District notified Ms. Ingmire that she would not be released from her contract. When Ms. Ingmire did not return to work, the District Board of Trustees voted on November 22, 2005, to request suspension of Ms. Ingmire's certificate as a result of her breach of contract.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The State Board may suspend the certificate of any person for unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. §§ 59-25-150 and 160 (2004). Breach of contract is deemed to be unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Regs. 43-58 (1992). The State Board finds that there is sufficient evidence supporting its conclusion that Ms. Ingmire breached her contract with the Greenville County School District, warranting the suspension of Ms. Ingmire's certificate 213972 for a period of one year, from February 8, 2006, through February 7, 2007. Should Ms. Ingmire wish to have her certificate reinstated at the end of the suspension period, she may make a written request for reinstatement to the Office of Teacher Certification.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By: /S/ Joe Isaac

Joe Isaac, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina

February 8, 2006